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In re Patent Application of

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Serial No. 10/675,976

October 2, 2003

Title:

ELUENT FOR ION CHROMATOGRAPHY FOR MEASURING ALKALINE EARTH METAL IONS, AND METHOD FOR ANALYZING ALKALINE EARTH METAL IONS,

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

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Total effective claims after amendment 4 previously paid for 20 (at least 20) =	minus highest number 0 x \$50.00 \$0.00 (1202)/\$0.00) (2202) \$	
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AMENDMENT

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2005 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due February 28, 2006. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a three-month extension of time is \$1020 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 29, 2006. Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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